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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 14, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, and 8 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A process for producing a catalyst, which comprises dispersing, in water, a used catalyst containing at least molybdenum, an A element (at least one element selected from the group consisting of phosphorus and arsenic) and an X element (at least one element selected from the group consisting of potassium, rubidium and cesium), adding thereto an alkali metal compound and/or ammonia solution, then adjusting the resulting mixture to pH 6.5 or less to generate a precipitate containing at least said molybdenum and